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ALL IV-D DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION 2005-2006

The Governor recently signed legislation related to child support services. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a brief summary of those bills. Any required regulation or policy instructions will be provided under a separate letter.

AB 2126 (Lieu) Chapter 86 Effective January 1, 2007
Establishes a single rule governing the enforcement period and renewal procedure for judgments of money or for possession or sale of property under the Family Code. Also requires

the Judicial Council to develop self-help materials pertaining to the enforcement of judgments to be made available to the public through their website.

AB 2440 (Klehs) Chapter 820 Effective January 1, 2007 Imposes civil liability upon any person or business entity that knowingly assists a child support obligor who has an unpaid child support obligation to escape, evade, or avoid payment of those unpaid child support obligations.

AB 2781 (Leno) Chapter 797 Effective January 1, 2007

Regulates private child support collector practices by defining a private child support collector (PC); specifying contract, advertisement, solicitation and disclosure requirements; providing contract cancellation and automatic termination; identifying prohibited debt collection activities; and providing for the collection of damages. Also requires that every court order/child support agreement issued on or after July 1, 2010 include a separate money judgment owed by the obligor to pay a fee to the PC not to exceed 33 1/3 percent of the total amount of arrears and not to exceed fifty percent of the fee charged to the obligee pursuant to the obligee's contract with the PC for collection of child support.

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SB 1483 (Alquist)

Chapter 876

Effective January 1, 2007

Authorizes a pilot project for Local Child Support Agencies in the counties of Alameda, Fresno, Orange, San Mateo, and Santa Clara for an expedited modification process for specified child support orders when neither the noncustodial parent nor the custodial party files an objection to the proposed modification. County participation is contingent upon an approved resolution from each county's Board of Supervisors. The pilot ends on January 1, 2010.

Sincerely,

o/s/ Susan R. Turek

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